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## Smile, you're on Halifax cop cam

**SURVEILLANCE** Criminals beware, because you never know who could be watching.

Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley told city councillors yesterday police plan to use more video surveillance across the municipality to keep a closer eye on law breakers.

"It's our intention this year to enhance wireless video cameras," he said in response to a question about police resources from Coun. Jennifer Watts of Connaught-Quinpool during the afternoon's budget debate.

"We're going to be able to take these mobile cameras (and) surreptitiously install them at different locations throughout HRM," he said.

Halifax already has some fixed surveillance cameras.

Police officers will use the portable devices to capture moving images everywhere from concerts to crime "hot spots," Beazley said, adding the money falls under a small fund he uses to purchase equipment.

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Five-year-old Courtney Richard admires the tree she planted at Shubie Park yesterday. Students from Dartmouth Pre-School visited the park to plant some trees in an area damaged by Hurricane Juan in 2003.

# Planting the seed

Preschool getting kids excited about trees and environment

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**"It's not like they're talking about planting trees. They are planting trees, which is how they learn — by flinging dirt."**

Pat Hogan, Dartmouth Pre-School

**Sixteen preschoolers from Dartmouth enjoyed the morning sun yesterday by planting trees at Shubie Park.**

The park is still recovering from extensive damage caused by Hurricane Juan in 2003, but a little army of four- and five-year-olds came, shovels in hand, to lend a helping hand.

The Bedford Horticultural Society donated some of the tree seedlings to Dartmouth Pre-School and staff decided this was a chance to teach kids about the importance of trees and the role they play for the environment.

Halifax Regional Municipality Coun. Gloria McCluskey, who represents Dartmouth Centre, contacted Shubie Park representatives on behalf of the preschool and the park set the kids up with a location needing new trees.

Courtney Richards, 5, was happy to help.

"I think it's going to grow oranges or apples," Courtney said, talking about the white spruce she just planted.

Her planting partner A.J. Burt, also 5, was happy to

build future homes for "birds and squirrels."

He added the animals will say "thank you for the tree you planted."

The site of the tree planting was near Waverley Road, across a pedestrian bridge and down a path.

There is a small opening along the path that shows part of the forest destroyed by Hurricane Juan. Much of the debris was left behind to let nutrients return to the soil.

The kids had to use small shovels and navigate

around dead trees to find a good place to plant.

A.J. said it was his first time planting trees, but knows he wants to do it again.

This is an encouraging sign for Pat Hogan, the director of the preschool.

While most of the children planting trees weren't born when Hurricane Juan hit HRM, Hogan said they understand how damaging storms can be.

"It's not like they're talking about planting trees," Hogan said. "They are planting trees, which is how they learn — by flinging dirt."

## Election platform for Tories revealed

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**POLITICS** The Progressive Conservatives unveiled their election platform with no advance warning yesterday morning in Musquodoboit Harbour.

However, at \$15 million the platform pales in comparison to the \$2-billion stimulus plan the Tories had already outlined during its spring budget.

Most of the platform promises are old. But one prominent new one was a payroll rebate to businesses that hire apprentices. Businesses

would get a rebate of up to 10 per cent of a new employee's wages up to a maximum of \$4,000 in the year following the employee's apprenticeship.

The plan is estimated at \$4.3 million per year.

"This is about finding a way to keep more of our young people working, and keeping them here at home," Premier Rodney MacDonald said in a press release.

Other planks in the platform include a tax credit for families contributing to RESPs, the curfew for children 15 and under and a review of HRM amalgamation.

NDP Leader Darrell Dexter said a NDP government would consider the apprentice rebate and any program keeping workers here is a good thing.

But he said the platform shows the Tories had planned to run on their Building for Growth stimulus plan, but had to switch things around when that didn't go well.

"If you have a platform document you want to run on then you get it out before 14 days to election day," Dexter said.

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Days left until the election

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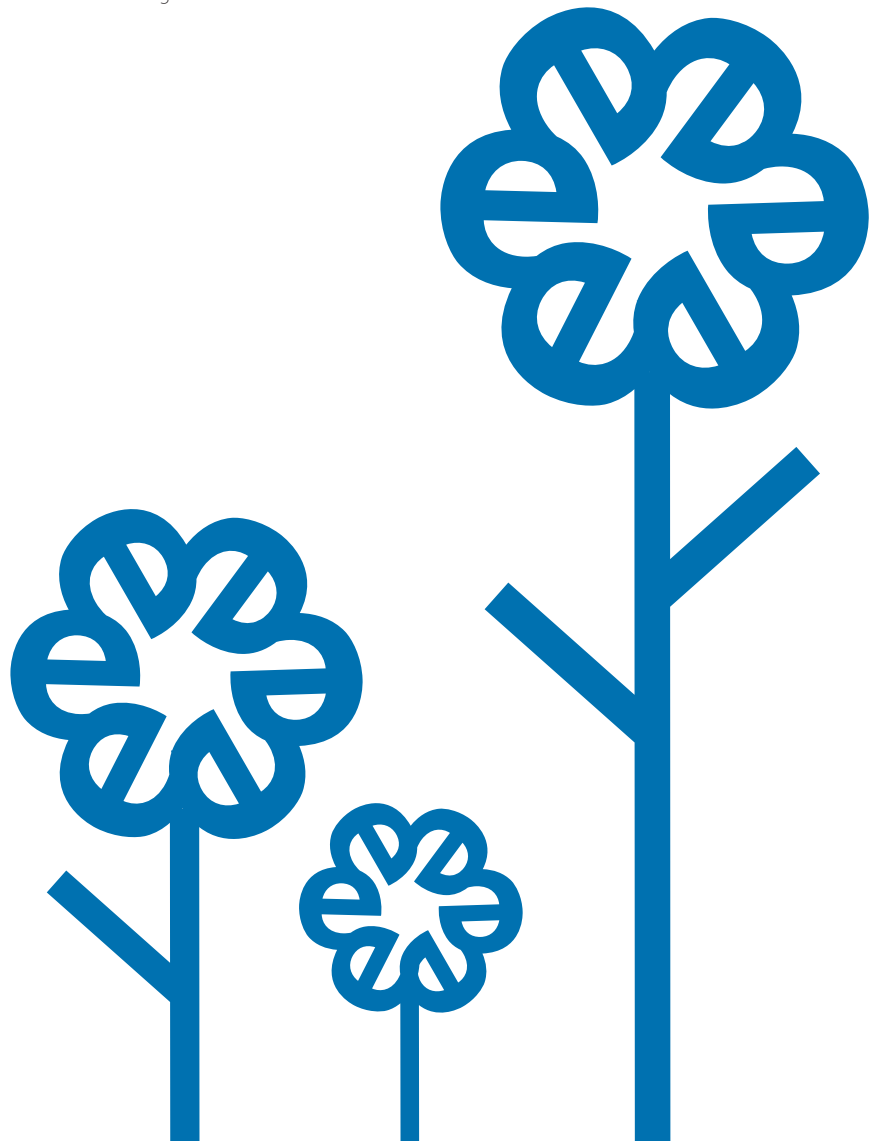
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## Local artists' work headed to Korea

Eleven Nova Scotia craft artists have been selected to participate in the Unity and Diversity exhibition for the Cheongju International Craft Biennale in South Korea. The CICB is one of the largest and most prestigious craft exhibitions in the world, with more than 1,000 artists from 40 countries participating. **METRO HALIFAX**

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## Local



## Special polls open tomorrow

The Nova Scotia election doesn't take place until June 9, but special polls are running Thursday through June 3 from noon to 8 p.m. at local returning offices. Voters can find the address of their returning office on the back of the yellow voter information card mailed to them by Elections Nova Scotia. Advance polls take place June 5 and 6. **METRO HALIFAX**

## HRM budget passes after debate

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**BUDGET** There were fleeting moments of tension among city councillors yesterday, but in the end it only took them one afternoon of debate before voting last night in favour of the 2009-10 budget for Halifax Regional Municipality.

This year's fiscal plan didn't pass unanimously, however, with a lone "nay" coming from Coun. Andrew Younger of East Dartmouth-The Lakes.

Coun. Sue Uteck of Northwest Arm-South End gave the budget her nod of approval with a disclaimer attached. "Make no mistake ... this is a 3.5 per cent increase to residents," she said. "Fourteen districts will now be paying a further increase in transit."

**\$570M** Uteck was referring to the city's operating costs for 2009-10.

transit tax structure, which is now based on property assessments and a local rate instead of services primarily being paid for by urban taxpayers. From transportation to public safety, councillors discussed how all their focus areas are addressed under the budget, which includes a 3.6 per cent rise in operating costs at \$570 million. Another hot topic discussed includes the need to set aside funds for Hurricane Juan cleanup and a mobile operations centre to better deal with situations such as the Spryfield wildfire.

# Taking it to the court

## Child recreation programs part of Dexter's platform

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**NDP Leader Darrell Dexter is pushing for more recreational time for youth, though he might need to spend some more time on the court himself.**

Dexter held a press conference on a basketball court yesterday to promote his party's Lighthouse and Every Kid Counts programs.

Dexter also took — and missed — several shots with Halifax Rainmen forward Eric Crookshank. It prompted Crookshank to make some cracks about Dexter's free throw percentage until the leader finally sunk a shot.

Unphased, Dexter told reporters the NDP platform would help use sports to steer youth away from getting into trouble.

The NDP is promising to spend about \$2.7 million on the two youth programs.

Dexter said they give children a better start. He said the plan will make better use of existing facilities.

"It can be anything that a community decides that they want, that's relevant to them."

"For example if they want to run an after school basketball program and make gym time available in the evenings, they can do that," Dexter said.

"This will be an opportunity for us to open up, for example, school gymnasiums. Because the funding will be there on order for them to do that."



Halifax Rainmen forward Eric Crookshank slams down an alley-oop from NDP Leader Darrell Dexter at the Millwood High School basketball court in Sackville yesterday. Dexter was holding a press conference to promote two youth programs promised by the NDP.

## Dexter the baller

• If you're keeping track, this was actually the third time NDP Leader Darrell Dexter and Halifax Rainmen forward Eric Crookshank have publicly shot hoops together. Dexter once played very briefly on the Halifax Rainmen as their "13th man" during the club's inaugural season. He went zero for two from the field with one rebound in that game. He also out-shot Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil three baskets to one in a Rainmen three-point charity event in 2007.

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Liberal Party Leader Stephen McNeil spent yesterday on the campaign trail selling the idea of lowering the gas tax and deregulating the industry.

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gas regulation, which is supported by the NDP and Progressive Conservatives, has also been a burden.

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Democratic policy," McNeil in a media release.

The other parties say regulation has given stability to consumers and cut down on erratic price changes. They also criticize the Liberals plan to cut the gas tax as being too expensive to afford.

## Saving Common's turf from beating

**CONCERTS** The Halifax Common will see two major concerts within one week of each other in July, and the municipality is trying some new tactics to keep the field in shape.

Shaune MacKinlay, HRM's manager for public affairs, said large parts of the North Common will be off-limits to vehicles involved in the concert preparations. Paul McCartney is performing at the Common July 11, with Kiss taking the stage July 18. "The real issue with the Common is not the number of people on it," MacKinlay said about how concerts in the past damaged the field. "It's the tires that turn up the soil that have been the bigger issue."

Patrick Dickson, who supervises the maintenance of the Common, said the plan at this point is for McCartney and Kiss to both deliver their shows on a stage set-up near the corner of Robie and Cunard streets.

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## McNeil talks deregulation on campaign trail

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A new report says Nova Scotians should seriously consider the challenges and potential changes to the province's health care and pension systems. Gordon Stritt and Associates, the financial planning firm that authored the report, says the aging population is putting a strain on these two systems. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Candidate seeks unified East Coast

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**Jonathan Dean has a vast array of ideas on how to change politics, business and government in Nova Scotia, and he plans to bring them to the people of his Halifax-Clayton Park riding solely by knocking on doors and handing out business cards.**

The 45-year-old investment researcher is one of four independent candidates in the upcoming provincial election. He's also leader of the Atlantica Party, an unregistered group of about 15 members, which he describes as a "pragmatic libertarian" party.

"The reason why we formed the party was not to become another mainstream party," Dean said. "We're more interested in starting a movement from outside the system to bring change to the way our democracy works here in the province."

Dean said his party's



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main goal is to fix the "democratic deficit" of the current political system. According to their website, the Atlantica Party's proposals include allowing voters to directly elect a non-partisan premier

and giving constituents the power to "fire" their MLA, so as to "free the legislature from government manipulation."

"The entire political process has become unmoored from the wishes

and the voice and concerns of citizens," Dean said.

Also high up on the party's to-do list is the pursuit of a unified Atlantic Canada. Dean said uniting Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward

## Independents

The four candidates running as independents in the upcoming provincial election:

- Ernie Fage — Cumberland North
- Jonathan Dean — Halifax Clayton Park
- Milton Countway — Lunenburg
- Stemer MacLeod — Victoria-The Lakes

Island and Newfoundland into a single province would make government and health care cheaper and more efficient.

The extensive list of policy proposals on the party's website also includes legalizing marijuana and prostitution. Dean said these moves will help deal with organized crime and help protect sex trade workers, but for him it boils down to matters of personal freedom.

"It's your body, you should be able to decide what you put into it," he said.

## Cape Breton golf courses get fair play in Times piece

**ON PAR** The No. 1 sports story in the New York Times Monday lauded the golf scene in Cape Breton and was read by millions.

"I think it's worth potentially a tremendous amount," said Stacey Pineau, who works in media relations with Golf Nova Scotia and drew up an itinerary for Times golf columnist Bill Pennington when he visited the province last summer. "I'm certainly hopeful that we'll see an increase in inquiries."

Pineau said Pennington, who writes a column called On Par, contacted her last July to say he would be driving to Nova Scotia to take his two daughters to a camp in August and was interested in checking out some of the province's courses.

Pennington spent two days in Cape Breton with his wife and son. The first day he played the Cape Breton Highland Links course in Ingonish Beach and in his story recalled having a "10-foot bull moose" watch him hit a shot from about 40 feet away. The second day, he went to the Bell Bay Golf course in Baddeck, noting its "finely manicured fairways and devilish, signature closing holes."

He also visited two mainland courses, the Northumberland Links in Pugwash and the Fox Harb'r Golf Resort and Spa in Wallace.

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## Firm's driver hit with ticket for delivery of booze order

A local delivery company is considering challenging a law that makes it illegal to deliver alcohol after one of its drivers was charged.

"My understanding is that it is one of those grey areas," Gala Delivery Service owner John Gallagher said, after contacting a lawyer. "I know different cab companies in

town have been doing it for many, many years."

Driver Dennis Fitt is to appear in court June 8 after recently being issued a summary offence ticket for keeping liquor for sale when he allegedly attempted to deliver a booze order to an address on Lower Truro Road. Such deliveries are com-

mon in the area and Gallagher said he sees it as no different than transporting such items as pizza, drug prescriptions or auto parts.

Regulations contained in the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act, which controls the possession, sale, transportation and delivery of liquor, defines "sale" or "sell" as in-

cluding the "exchange, barter and traffic and the selling or supplying or distribution, by any means whatsoever of liquor or of any liquor known or described as 'beer' or 'light beer' by any partnership, or by any society, association or club, whether incorporated or unincorporated..."

Staff Sgt. Randy MacKenzie of the Truro Police Service said while the town's officers do not make a point of looking for cabbies or delivery drivers who deliver alcohol, the charge against Fitt occurred while police were responding to a call at the same time a delivery was taking place. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**



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# Halifax is safe: Top cop

Spike in high-profile crime concerning, Supt. Burns says

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Our municipality "is a safe community," the officer in charge of Halifax Regional Police's criminal investigation division assured residents yesterday.

But Supt. Mike Burns also noted that the Halifax region is seeing "clusters of high-profile crimes that involve a high degree of violence or the use of firearms."

"That's certainly of a concern to the police agency and it's quite recently a concern to the larger community," he said in an interview with Metro Halifax, referring to some of the violence that has hit home recently, including three murders in May alone and a highly publicized, widely speculated drug war.

"These crimes have put an additional burden on us," he said.

Burns couldn't get into details about how the re-



A forensic identification officer with the Halifax Regional Police photographs a murder scene at St. Patrick's-Alexandra School earlier this month. The HRM has faced a spike in violent crime recently.

gional police force is dealing with these crimes, pointing out that some "bad guys" read the newspaper,

but said some officers are being redeployed from their regular assignments "in order to supplement the units that are feeling the brunt of this recent activity."

That includes homicides, he said, such as that of 36-year-old Tanya Jean Brooks of Halifax, 33-year-old Gordon Alexander Murray of Dartmouth and a 19-year-old man who died last week after being shot, reportedly in the forehead, on a North Preston street.

"Some may suggest that means that the areas that you're leaving don't get the attention that they require, but ... we monitor that very closely," Burns said.

He also pointed out that Halifax Regional Police work closely with Halifax RCMP, which means there are more resources for both forces to draw from. In total, there are about 700 police officers working across Halifax Regional Municipality, he said.

## Tips on how to avoid a summertime break-in

**CRIME** Police are reminding the public to take precautions to reduce the chance of being broken into during the warmer months.

A Halifax Regional Police press release said yesterday vacations away from home and people leaving windows open in houses during the summer create "opportunities for would-be criminals."

To help reduce the risk, police released a number of precaution tips such as have your mail and newspaper collected, arrange to have your grass cut, close your windows when not at home and make sure patio doors and low level windows are locked and se-

cure.

They also encourage the public to contact police if they see any suspicious activity.

Also yesterday, Halifax RCMP issued a warning for the public to not leave valuables in parked vehicles. The RCMP press release said with more people heading to parks, trails and beaches, they result in a lot of parked vehicles that "become a target-rich environment for criminals to steal possessions."

Police say to leave all valuable items at home, or take them with you, if you're heading out to these places.

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### News in brief

**FIREARMS** A male and female were taken into custody after Halifax Regional Police say they found a firearm in a vehicle near Sheraton Place and Willett Street in Clayton Park yesterday. Police stopped the vehicle at 3:55 p.m. and the weapon was found.

**ACCIDENT** A 20-year-old male bicyclist was taken to the QEII Health Sciences Centre with non-life threatening injuries after a vehicle and bicycle accident on the Old Sambro Road yesterday. The accident occurred just after 3 p.m.

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The number of Canadians collecting regular employment insurance benefits grew by 65,300, or more than 10 per cent, in March, marking the biggest monthly increase since the job market began to deteriorate in October. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada

## Montreal inquest suspended

A Quebec coroner looking into the police shooting death of Montreal teen Fredy Villanueva has suspended the inquest indefinitely after key witnesses said they wouldn't participate as a matter of principle. Villanueva was shot in a Montreal North park in August 2008 while police were trying to arrest his older brother, Dany. Two other men, Denis Meas and Jeffrey Sagor Metellus, were struck by police bullets at the same time. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Deficit to hit record \$50B, Flaherty says

**TORIES** Canada will run a record budget deficit of more than \$50 billion this year, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said yesterday as the Conservative government came under pressure to spend more on the jobless.

Flaherty raised his estimate from the \$33.7-billion shortfall he forecast in the government's January budget. The deficit will be the country's first after more than a decade of surpluses.

"We are going through a deeper economic slowdown than anticipated," Flaherty said.

He blamed lower tax revenues and higher jobless benefits being paid out by

### Old record

- The previous highest deficit, in nominal terms, was \$39 billion in 1992-93, according to finance ministry data.

Ottawa as "to be expected" in the downturn. But a bailout of General Motors and Chrysler will put even more pressure on the government's books, he said.

Markets had anticipated a bigger deficit because the economic contraction has been sharper than expected. As a result, bond prices were little changed after Flaherty's remarks.

REUTERS

## Seal meal causes stir

Eating heart puts Michaëlle Jean in international spotlight

**To some, it was a stunning gesture to native tradition worthy of Chief Dan George.**

To others, it was an act of rock-star audacity that awakened memories of grizzled old bat-muncher Ozzy Osborne.

And to others still, it was just, well, gross.

However you view the spectacle of Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean gobbling seal heart raw in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, there is no denying the Queen's representative now has the divisive, decades-old seal hunt controversy stuck in her teeth.

The political indigestion over Jean's meal of seal roiled loudest among animal-rights activists, who used the terms "Neanderthal" and "bloodlust" yesterday to describe how the Governor General revelled helping herself to the heart of the dripping carcass.

"It amazes us that a Canadian official would indulge such bloodlust. It sounds like she's trying to give Canadians an even more Neanderthal image



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Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean has been criticized by animal-rights groups after eating part of a raw seal heart in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, but is unapologetic.

around the world than they already have," said Dan Mathews, senior vice-president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

Jean was unapologetic, pronouncing her taste of seal heart to be "absolutely delicious."

"These are ancient practices that are part of a way of life," Jean said, framing her gutsy gesture as an act

of solidarity with the Inuit. "If you can't understand that, you're completely missing the reality of life here."

But PETA officials said it was Jean who is missing reality.

"Our campaign is not to stop the native hunt, which accounts for only a very tiny part of Canada's seal slaughter," said Mathews.

"Far more than 90 per cent of the Canadian seal hunt is unrelated to the native peoples. What we want to stop is that huge commercial market that is all about selling baby seal skins to Norway, where they become fashion items for the Russian and Chinese markets," he said.

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## Man accused of killing girl on suicide watch, lawyer says

**ONTARIO** The man accused of abducting and killing Victoria (Tori) Stafford is in segregation in jail and on suicide watch, says his lawyer.

"He's in a six-by-eight (foot) jail cell trying to survive," Hal Mattson told The Waterloo Region Record.

Michael Rafferty, 28, of Woodstock, Ont., is charged with first-degree murder and abduction in connection with the disappearance of eight-year-old Tori.

Police have been searching for Tori's remains for nearly a week in a rural area about an hour outside Woodstock.

Rafferty's girlfriend, Terri-Lynne McClintic, 18, is

charged with abduction and being an accessory.

The two are scheduled to appear in court tomorrow.

Mattson, who will represent Rafferty, said the case will likely be adjourned for two weeks so he and Brennan Smart, another lawyer, can review disclosure.

Meanwhile, the Ontario Provincial Police announced a review of Ontario's Amber Alert system yesterday after more than 27,000 people signed an online petition.

Tori's abduction and death were contributing factors to initiate a review, said Insp. Dave Ross.

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### News in brief

**BAN** The Canadian government yesterday proposed a ban on fruit-flavoured cigarettes and small cigars that anti-smoking groups say are being marketed like candy to lure children into

smoking. Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq said the industry's own internal documents showed it was using sweet flavours to entice teenagers.

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**Pakistani PM's grounds invaded by leopard**

Pakistani hunters are trying to catch a wild leopard that has been roaming the grounds of Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani's official residence since late last week. Wildlife officials armed with tranquilizer darts almost had it cornered on Sunday, but it leapt over a six-foot wall topped with barbed wire into another part of the compound. **REUTERS**

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# World



## Suu Kyi denies breaking order

Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi denied violating her house arrest yesterday in her testimony. Authorities lifted Suu Kyi's six-year house arrest, but she remains in detention until her trial on charges of breaking that order is over. The Nobel laureate faces up to five years in jail if convicted for allowing an American intruder to stay at her home for two days. At left, a Myanmar activist holding a photo of Suu Kyi protests in Bangkok. **REUTERS**

## N. Korea fires three rockets

Major powers consider more harshly enforced sanctions

**North Korea defied international condemnation of its latest nuclear test by firing three short-range missiles off its east coast yesterday and major powers considered tougher action against the isolated communist state.**

With tension in the region high, South Korea said it would join a U.S.-led initiative to intercept ships suspected of carrying weapons of mass destruction,

something Pyongyang has warned it would consider a declaration of war.

North Korea has also restarted a Soviet-era plant that extracts bomb-grade plutonium, making good on a threat made a ago to resume operations, a South Korean newspaper reported yesterday.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency quoted a gov-

ernment source as saying the North had fired one surface-to-air and one surface-to-ship missile off its east coast. The missiles had a range of about 130 kilometres. Yonhap later reported that Pyongyang had fired a third short-range rocket yesterday.

North Korea fired three short-range missiles Monday and South Korean media quoted government

sources as saying further missile tests were possible.

Monday's nuclear test, the North's second after one in 2006, drew sharp international condemnation and U.S. President Barack Obama said the nuclear program threatened international security. Obama assured South Korea of Washington's unequivocal commitment to defence on the peninsula. **REUTERS**

## 1 in 7 ex-Gitmo inmates return to terrorism: U.S.

**DETAINEES** Seventy-four, or one out of every seven, terrorism suspects formerly held at the U.S. detention site at Guantanamo Bay are confirmed or suspected of having returned to terrorism, the Pentagon said yesterday.

Of more than 530 detainees transferred from the U.S. base in Cuba, 27 are confirmed and 47 suspected of "reengaging in terrorist activity," according to a written Pentagon summary.

The total of 74 has more than doubled since May 2007, when the Pentagon said about 30 had gone back to terrorist activity, and increased slightly since January, when the

### Closure blocked

• Last week the U.S. Senate blocked funds the administration sought to shutter the prison, demanding a detailed plan on what would happen to the 240 terrorism suspects still held at Guantanamo.

figure stood at 61. The Pentagon offered no specific reason for the increase.

The figures were released amid intense debate in Washington over the prison opened by the Bush administration, which has been strongly criticized by many nations, including U.S. allies, and rights groups. **REUTERS**

## Rehabilitation or trials planned for Tamil Tigers

**SRI LANKA** More than 9,000 Tamil Tiger fighters have been questioned by judges following Asia's longest modern war and most will undergo rehabilitation, Sri Lanka's military said yesterday. Many of the remaining 2,000 who have "self-confessed" are likely to face trial.

After declaring victory over the separatist rebels last week, Sri Lanka must now decide the fate of 262,000 people, nearly all of whom fled the fighting.

The military has said it killed 22,000 Tamil fighters during its offensive to end the 25-year civil war and lost 6,200 of its own soldiers. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**CYCLONE** Nearly 200 people have been killed by a cyclone that tore through Bangladesh and eastern India, while millions remained marooned by floodwater or forced to live in shelters. **REUTERS**

## Kandahar Riding high



Passenger buses are loaded with cars for transport in Kandahar yesterday.

## California court upholds same-sex marriage ban

**RIGHTS** California's supreme court backed a ban on gay marriage yesterday, upholding a voter-approved proposition, but said the marriages last year of 18,000 same-sex couples were still legal.

The court, which last year opened the door to same-sex unions in the most populous U.S. state, bowed to the majority of voters who passed the ban known as Proposition 8 last November.

The argument continued in San Francisco streets, where gay marriage backers vowed to continue the fight at the ballot box in 2010. "We will not be moved. Repeal Prop 8!" shouted seated protesters who blocked off an inter-

### Proposition 8

• The passage of Proposition 8 by a 52 per cent majority last year bucked California's reputation as a liberal trendsetter. It spurred nationwide protests by gay advocates and drew praise from social conservatives.

section in a show of civil disobedience. Police began arresting them one by one.

The court said the roughly 18,000 marriages that took place in the state between June and November last year remained valid, leaving the state of 37 million people with a tiny group of married same-sex couples that cannot grow. **REUTERS**



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## Comment

### Presto! Iggy's still here

#### TheWestView

Paul Sullivan

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adies and gentlemen! For my next trick, I will condemn the Tory attack ads on Michael Ignatieff without sounding like a knee-jerk Liberal.

This is a difficult trick that, to my knowledge, has never been performed in public.

Here goes. To date, the mainstream media (MSM to alienated Tories) has decried Stephen Harper & Co.'s preference for going nuclear on the Opposition leader over defending its own governance. Many have also made the point that there's nothing wrong with spending 34 years outside the country, and have dismissed or glossed over the most telling point of the attack ads: Ignatieff was in the habit of pretending to be

American or English depending on his audience at the time.

To outraged Tories, Ignatieff's alleged duplicity is critical. They maintain it's their patriotic duty to expose this imposter, this carpetbagger, this dilettante, for what he is. Imagine, this guy has spent 34 years mouthing off around the planet and now

fortunately, the Tories are missing the point. Again. I'm not sure why Harper & Co. have such a collective tin ear, but I think it comes from years of being a "Voice Crying in the Wilderness": "They have eyes, but they do not see! They have ears, but they do not hear!" They really think we'll watch these ads, and we'll all go "Aha" and vote Tory.

Whatever you think about Michael Ignatieff, it's not going to happen. Iggy may have gone to Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge, but his post-grad political education comes courtesy Barack Obama. These days, negativity won't get you through. When he says he's here to bring people together,

not tear them apart, he's found a message Canadians are ready

to hear.

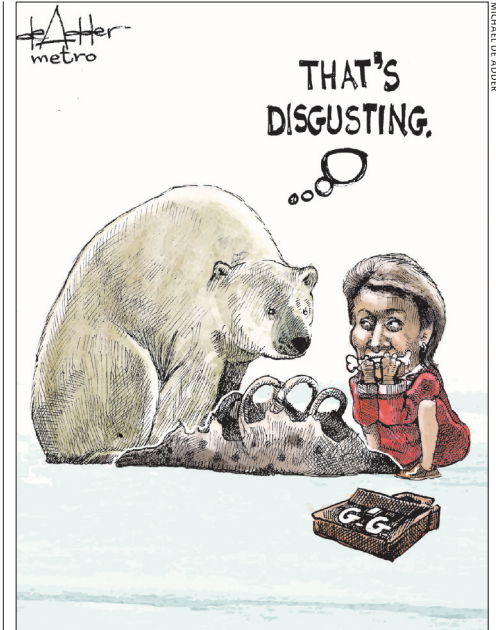
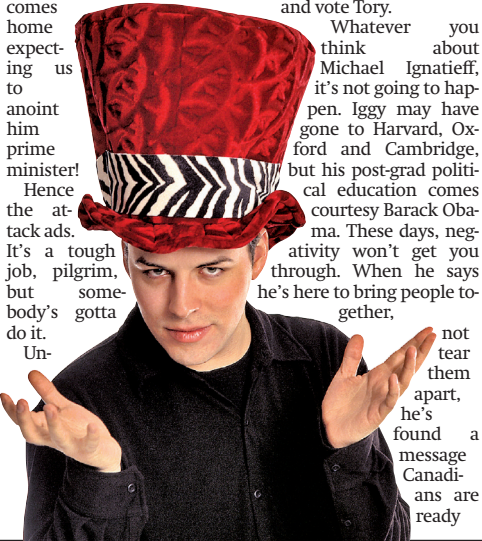
This Yes We Can attitude, this message of hope, appears to have completely eluded the Tories. As the governing party, they're in the unfortunate position of telling us what we can't have. But do they have to be so mean-spirited about it?

I'm sure Stephen Harper cares about this country, almost as much as he cares about running it. However, if he wants to keep his job, he'll spend less time picking on a guy who cannot only take it, but give it back double.

He needs to roll up his sleeves, put a smile on his face and take out the following ad: "This is the greatest country in the world, and together we're going to overcome the obstacles and make it even greater. Laurier had it wrong (what do you expect from a Liberal?): It's the 21st century that belongs to Canada."

Now there's a tack we're all waiting to hear.

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## Letters

### Where media sits shouldn't affect truthful journalism

Re: *Sun King of subterfuge* (May 19)

I cannot believe Lawrence Martin would blame "an archaic system of coverage" for the lack of media coverage regarding the government's executive branch.

Making a comparison be-

tween where Canada and the U.S. house the media is just plain silly. It seems to me the Canadian media is afraid to speak the truth when it comes to Stephen Harper and his Conservative government.

Good, truthful journalism should reach the people regardless of where the media sits.

ANNA-LEE POTVIN, TORONTO

## Word on the street: Should convicted child killers receive longer prison sentences than other convicted murderers?

Shannis Gray

age 21, Halifax

A: I think that to kill a child you probably should be serving more time in jail. To kill a helpless child with no defence, I think it should be life without parole.

Matthew Armet

age 23, Halifax

A: Yeah, I definitely would. Murdering anyone is really not cool, but if you're sick enough to kill a kid then you should definitely be locked away longer.

Angelle James

age 23, Halifax

A: I don't think so. A person is a person — I think it should be the same.

Shaun Atomic

age 28, Vancouver

A: It shouldn't necessarily be a longer amount of time served, but the type of sentencing. We need to address the minds of these people.

Nicole Ryan

age 26, Toronto

A: Yes ... I don't care what your excuse is, what your background is ... They should be punished beyond punishment.

Kaz Bremner

age 28, Calgary

A: Not necessarily. There are more factors involved in that decision, such as motivation and circumstances around the killing.



## Worth mentioning

### Looming oil shock would end globalization: Author

Triple-digit oil prices are once again around the corner and will sound the death knell for globalization, an audacious but sometimes prescient Canadian economist predicts in a new book.

Jeff Rubin, who until two months ago was the chief economist and strategist at investment bank CIBC World Markets, argues the days of cheap oil are over, making the global economy unsustainable and turning back the clock on the way we live.

"Everything we have taken for granted is about to change," Rubin said in an interview with Reuters a few days after the publication of his book, *Why Your World Is About To Get A Whole Lot Smaller: Oil And The End Of Globalization*.

"Our cars, our homes, our whole world has been getting bigger in the cheap-oil era. Now it is about to get smaller. And greener. Much greener," Rubin said.

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**Canada's market watchdog launches wrongdoing hotline**

The Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada has opened a hotline for investors wishing to report wrongdoing, fraud or unethical behaviour. Complaints can be filed by telephone (1-866-211-9001) or email (whistleblower@iirc.ca). **REUTERS 11**

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**Green energy education:**

Nova Scotia Community College and MaManna Renewable Energy will collaborate on a number of areas of education, including research in renewable energy, development and delivery of green energy conferences, and international training opportunities.

**Renamed hotel:**

IMP Group International Ltd. will own and operate the Atlantica Hotel Halifax, formerly the Holiday Inn Select Halifax City Centre, on the corner of Quinpool Road and Robie Street.

**Yarmouth airport seeks public feedback:**

Officials with the Yarmouth airport are trying to ensure the facility works, said Martin Pink, chairman of the Yarmouth International Airport Corp., during a public meeting on the airport and air service, noting that officials want to hear what people have to say.

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**Biovail, Melnyk reach settlement**

**BOARD** Biovail Corp. reached an agreement with its founder Eugene Melnyk that will help avoid another proxy battle like the one that disrupted its shareholder meeting a year ago.

Melnik, the company's largest shareholder, agreed to back the company's nominees to the board. He also promised not to participate in a proxy battle or make a shareholder proposal at any time until after the 2010 shareholder meeting.

He will also withdraw two proposed nominees he was trying to get named to the board.

In exchange, Canada's biggest publicly traded drug company agreed to appoint Frank Potter, one of Melnyk's choices, to the board and audit committee.

Biovail's annual meeting is scheduled for tomorrow in Toronto. **REUTERS**

## Lured by low rates

First-time home buyers drive spring market

**While the economy remains a huge concern, lower home prices and interest rates are the two main ingredients that have driven Canadian first-time home buyers to buy in the spring market, according to a report released yesterday by Royal LePage Real Estate Services.**

According to a poll by Pollara Research for Royal LePage, 86 per cent of Canadians say lower interest rates make them more likely to purchase a home, followed by 81 per cent who say lower housing prices are the motivating factor.

But the economy re-

**Buyer profile**

• The typical first-time buyer is 25 to 30 years of age and willing to spend up to \$400,000 on a home for couples. Singles, dominated by females, are purchasing within the \$250,000 to \$300,000 range, according to Royal LePage.

mains a stumbling block, with 76 per cent citing job security and 64 per cent saying a stable economy are important factors in their buying decisions.

Still, some buyers have returned to the market this spring, with a first-time home buyer's tax

credit and a home renovation tax credit for 2009 cited by potential purchasers as influencing factors.

So far Canadian developers have avoided a disastrous spring, with new home sales down by 26 per cent in April compared to last year, representing the slowest rate of deceleration in six months.

There were a total of 1,880 sales in April compared to 2,541 the year before, according to figures released yesterday by the Building, Industry and Land Development association. Still, year-to-date sales are down by 52 per cent compared to 2008.

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**U.K. Virgin profits tempered by warning**



A Virgin Atlantic aircraft comes in to land at Heathrow Airport in London yesterday. Privately owned airline Virgin said yearly profits nearly doubled, but warned the weak economic environment would make it "almost impossible" for airlines to make a profit in the current year.

## BMO reports profit, job cuts

**FINANCE** Bank of Montreal posted a stronger-than-expected quarterly profit yesterday, and said it was cutting 1,100 jobs, sending Canadian bank shares higher as investors bet that other big lenders reporting this week will also notch profits.

Canada's fourth-largest bank said it was cutting its 37,000-strong workforce by three per cent across all operating groups in a move it said would save money down the road.

Provisions for bad loans

at BMO were not as high as some analysts had expected, illustrating how the nation's banking sector remains far healthier than that of its global peers.

"I think the implication is the banks can continue to perform fairly well within their core banking operations," said Edward Jones analyst Craig Fehr.

BMO reported its profit fell 44 per cent to \$358 million in the second quarter, ended April 30. That was down from \$642 million a year earlier. **REUTERS**

**In brief**

**OIL** Inter Pipeline Fund said yesterday it has agreed to ship ultra-light oil to Imperial Oil Ltd.'s newly approved Kearsy oil sands project, spending \$135 million to connect the facility to its existing pipeline network.

**AUTO** General Motors Corp. has failed to persuade enough bondholders to accept a debt-for-equity swap, setting the stage for the largest-ever U.S. industrial bankruptcy within days. Sources said GM could file for bankruptcy some time before June 1.

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Former baseball slugger Jose Canseco didn't last long in his debut in mixed martial arts. Canseco was stopped by super-heavyweight Hong Man Choi just one minute 17 seconds into the first round at Yokohama Arena in Yokohama, Japan. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Wozniak advances

Aleksandra Wozniak, left, of Blainville, Que., won her opening French Open match at Roland Garros yesterday, needing three sets to defeat Monica Niculescu of Romania 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. The 24th seeded Wozniak is the first Quebecer to ever be seeded at the Open. She's scheduled to play her second round match tomorrow against Petra Martić.

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## Pens sweep 'Canes

Stanley Cup  
2009 Playoffs  
(Pittsburgh wins series 4-0)  
Pittsburgh 4 Carolina 1



Maxime Talbot registered a goal and two assists, as Pittsburgh swept the Hurricanes and captured its second straight Eastern Conference crown with a 4-1 win at RBC Center.

Ruslan Fedotenko, Bill

Guerin and Craig Adams also scored for the Penguins, who are the first team to reach the Stanley Cup finals in consecutive years since New Jersey accomplished the feat in 2000 and 2001.

Sidney Crosby collected two helpers, while Marc-Andre Fleury was strong between the pipes, making 30 saves in the win.

Detroit subdued Pittsburgh in six games to celebrate their 11th title in team history a year ago. A rematch is seemingly in the works with the Red Wings holding a 3-1 series

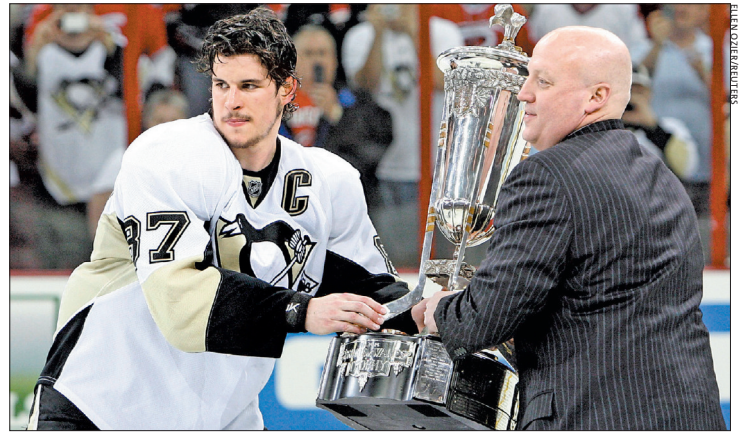
lead over Chicago in the West finals. The last club to hoist the Cup the year after losing in the finals was the 1984 Edmonton Oilers.

Eric Staal lit the lamp for Carolina, which hadn't dropped a playoff series since it was erased in five games by Detroit in the 2002 Stanley Cup finals.

Cam Ward stopped 21 shots in defeat.

Facing a must-win scenario, Staal staked Carolina to a 1-0 lead 1:36 into the contest, snapping a six-game goalless drought.

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Pittsburgh centre Sidney Crosby accepts the Prince of Wales trophy from NHL Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly after defeating the Carolina Hurricanes to sweep the NHL Eastern Conference final and advance to the Stanley Cup final for the second straight year.

### SCOREBOARD

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YESTERDAY Pittsburgh at Carolina	AMERICAN LEAGUE YESTERDAY Baltimore 7 Toronto 2 Cleveland 5 Tampa Bay 1 Kansas City 6 Detroit 1 N.Y. Yankees at Texas Boston at Minnesota Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels Seattle at Oakland
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### Sports in brief

**OBITUARY** Former NHL player Peter Zezel passed away at a Toronto hospital yesterday after a long battle with a blood disorder. Zezel, 44, spent the last 10 years being treated for haemolytic anaemia, a rare disorder in which red blood cells are destroyed faster than the body can replace them. Hockey was not the only sport in which Zezel excelled. He also played with the Toronto Blizzard

of the North American Soccer League and in the Canadian Soccer League. **COYOTES** Jim Balsillie's bid to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes and move the team to Ontario will be withdrawn if it isn't approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court by the end of June. Balsillie's deadline appears in documents filed yesterday by the lawyers for Coyotes owner Jerry Moyes.

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## Quinn back in NHL with Oilers

**NHL** The Edmonton Oilers named Pat Quinn as head coach yesterday, hoping he can bring his golden touch to the NHL's most northern outpost.

Quinn, who guided Canada to victory at the 2002 Olympics to end a 50-year gold medal drought, has enjoyed tremendous success on the international stage but has yet to win a Stanley Cup.

Twice winner of the Jack Adams trophy as NHL coach of the year, Quinn's resume is impressive. He has coached more than 1,300 NHL regular season games with Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Vancouver and Toronto, leading the Flyers (1980) and Canucks (1994) to the Stanley Cup finals.

Quinn, who earned a reputation as a hard-nosed player with just 18 goals and 950 penalty minutes during a nine-year NHL career, also led Canada to the 2004 World Cup of Hockey

title and coached the gold medal-winning Canadian team at the 2008 world junior championship.

Out of the NHL coaching ranks since being sacked by the Maple Leafs at the end of 2005-06 season, Quinn replaces Craig MacTavish, who was released after nine years in charge in Edmonton when the team failed to reach the playoffs for a third consecutive year.

"I feel very confident this is absolutely the right choice for our hockey club," said Oilers general manager Steve Tambellini on the team's website.

"Today we are announcing a coaching staff that represent the leadership and expertise needed to take this organization forward."

The Oilers also announced that former New York Rangers head coach Tom Renney had been hired as an assistant.

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Pat Quinn

## Jays' skid stretches to 8 games

### MLB RESULTS

Toronto 1 Baltimore 4



**BASEBALL** Jason Berken had a solid major league debut as he threw five innings to guide the Baltimore Orioles past Toronto 7-2, sending the Blue Jays to their eighth consecutive defeat.

Berken (1-0), who was called up from Triple-A Norfolk before the game, gave up two runs on seven hits with three walks and three strikeouts to pick up the win.

Adam Jones and Nolan Reimold each hit a two-run homer for the Orioles, who have won four of their last five games. Brian Roberts went 3-for-4 with two RBI and a run scored in the middle test of the three-game series before 10,130 fans, the smallest crowd in the history of Camden Yards.

Adam Lind and Rod Bara-



Toronto's Kevin Millar backs away from an inside pitch from Baltimore pitcher Jason Berken last night in Baltimore's 7-2 win.

jas each drove in a run while Marco Scutaro went 3-for-5 with a run scored for the Blue Jays. Ricky Romero (2-1) was handed the loss as he gave up five runs on 11 hits in 5½ innings.

Toronto jumped on top in the first inning as Scutaro led off the game with a double and later came home on a Lind double.

The Blue Jays worked an-

other run in the second. Scott Rolen started the frame with a walk and moved up a base when Lyle Overbay followed with a single. Barajas then singled to left to plate Rolen for a 2-0 lead.

Baltimore cut into the deficit with one out in the second as Aubrey Huff lofted a home to right field.

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## Mike Tyson's daughter dies after accident

**PHOENIX** The four-year-old daughter of former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson has died, a day after being found with cord tied around her neck in an apparent accident at her home, Phoenix police said yesterday.

Media reports said Exodus Tyson was playing near some exercise equipment when she accidentally got tangled in a cord or rope hanging from a treadmill on Monday. She was taken to a Phoenix hospital in critical condition.

Police said the incident appeared to be an accident.

The girl was home with her mother when the accident occurred Monday. Tyson was not in Phoenix at the time, but was shown on television arriving at the hospital later that day.

The former world heavyweight champion has six children by several different women.

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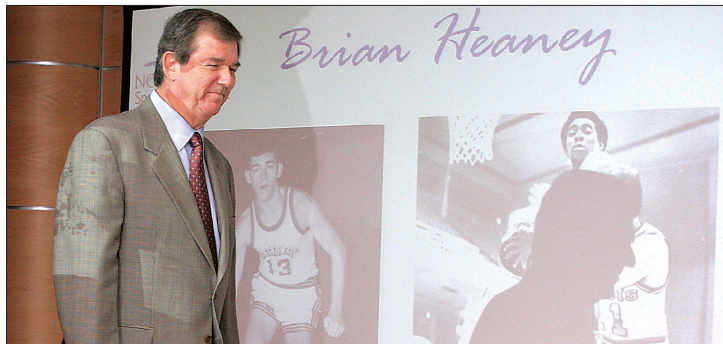
## Halifax Rainmen's summer program

Starting June 29, it includes five-day skills camps as well as 3-on-3 tournaments. For more details, visit [rainmenbasketball.ca](http://rainmenbasketball.ca). **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Hall welcomes eight

Province's Sport Hall of Fame announces inductees



Former Acadian Axemen basketball great Brian Heaney takes a seat yesterday after being announced as one of eight inductees into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame.

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**Mickey Fox says he originally came to Halifax "because no one else wanted me." Thirty-eight years later, the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame will welcome him with open arms.**

The former Saint Mary's Huskies basketball great from Forest Hills, N.Y., was announced yesterday as one of eight inductees to be enshrined in the Hall in November.

"Thirty-eight years ago, when I came to Canada, would I have expected this? Not in a million years," said Fox, a four-time all-Canadian who powered the Huskies to Canadian Interuniversity Sport championships in 1973 and 1979.

It was a big day for Fox and also for basketball. Former Acadia Axemen star Brian Heaney and the entire 1976-77 Axemen team were also announced as part of the 2009 class.

Heaney, coincidentally, was the only guy who actually wanted Fox. After Heaney's playing career

with the Axemen and NBA's Baltimore Bullets, the Rockaway Beach, N.Y., native was named Huskies head coach and recruited Fox.

"He provided me with many exciting nights and I won a lot of basketball games as a coach on the back of Mickey," said Heaney. "He had a lifetime of success here."

Both Heaney and Fox reflected on the 1960s and 1970s — their heydays — as a time that built a strong basketball tradition in Halifax, evidenced by the present-day success of the CIS Final 8 tournament and the Halifax Rainmen.

"It was a phenomenal time," said Heaney. "It caught the imagination of the public. Rivalries were immense, games were hotly contested and crowds were terrific. It really set the stage for phenomenal interest in basketball in Halifax."

One topic of discussion yesterday was Heaney's CIS single-game record of 74 points set in 1968 — before the days of the three-point line. These days, entire teams can be lucky to

put 74 points on the board. Will it ever be broken?

"Not in our lifetime," said Fox, an NBA draft pick of the Detroit Pistons and Portland Trailblazers. "That's an incredible feat. It's right up there with Wilt Chamberlain's 100."

## Hall of Fame

- This year's Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame inductees, listed with local connection and sport in parentheses.

### ATHLETES

- Bruce Beaton, Port Hood (football)
- Mickey Fox, Saint Mary's Huskies (basketball)
- Brian Heaney, Acadia Axemen (basketball)
- Jody Hennigar, Halifax (softball)
- Gordie Smith, Dartmouth (golf)

### BUILDERS

- Roy Clements, Saint Mary's (soccer)
- Gus Fahey, Westville, Picton Co. (multi-sport)

### TEAM

- 1976-77 Acadia Axemen (basketball)

## Smith adds to legacy with induction

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**GOLF** Dartmouth's Gordie Smith is one of only two Nova Scotians to have earned a PGA tour card. And he admits it's getting harder and harder for Bluenosers to follow in his footsteps.

Smith, one of eight inductees announced yesterday for the 2009 class of the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame, had a banner year in 1988, placing seventh at the Canadian Open and finishing in the 14th spot on the PGA money list.

"In the last 20 years, the

game has gone globally and it's much more difficult now than it was when I played," Smith said. "It's very competitive out there and it's going to be a big

**"It's a great way to cap off my career."**

Dartmouth's Gordie Smith, on his Hall of Fame induction

challenge for Canadians. You even see it now on the tour."

There were a half-dozen Canadians on the tour during Smith's heyday com-

pared to two now. None of this is to diminish Smith's outstanding career, which began at the Brightwood Golf and Country Club and continued at the University of South Florida before his seven-year foray as a pro.

Butch O'Hearn, the only other Nova Scotian to earn his PGA tour card, is already in the Hall of Fame. Smith, who won 37 amateur and five professional tournaments and is now manager of the Ashburn Golf Club, is glad to join him.

"It's a great way to cap off my career," Smith said.

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# Workology



## Musical winners

Alexander Seredenko and Samuel Deason, two students of The Royal Conservatory's Glenn Gould School, in Toronto, won prizes at The Toronto Symphony Orchestra National Piano Competition, held at The Royal Conservatory last weekend. This prestigious piano competition is a biennial event and attracts Canada's finest young pianists between the ages of 16 and 25.

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## Judges are human too, even in a court of law

### WorkplaceLaw

**Daniel Lublin**



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Placed with significant changes to their compensation, employees can either leave, or lose, their jobs. Many will then turn to the courts. However, as I often write in this column, winning or losing in an employment law case can have as much to do with the judge you happen to draw as with the relative merits of your claim. Here are two cases that illustrate this uncertainty.

After 36 years at the Bank of Nova Scotia, David Chapman resigned, arguing that a reduction in his salary and the bank's failure to honour a promise amounted to his termination. In a three-year period, Chapman's base salary had remained consistent, but his overall salary had declined by 13 per cent through a reduction in his incentive compensation, such as stock options,

bonus pay and shares.

The legal doctrine of constructive dismissal permits employees to treat fundamental changes to their jobs as effectively amounting to their termination. However, Chapman's case was dismissed. The court reasoned that, despite the decline in his total pay, his pay still fell within the applicable salary range for his position.

Contrast this case with the recent Ontario decision involving Lawrence Doran and Ontario Power Generation Inc. Here, a number of changes were established that would have had the effect of reducing Doran's compensation by 15 per cent. Although OPG argued that the changes were applied consistently to all executive-level employees and were necessary from a business perspective, the court found that Doran was permitted to treat his employment as at an end given the changes to his pay, in which case he would receive the same severance pay as if he had simply been fired.

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# Shining a light in the darkest corners

## Head to Toe

JON TATTIE  
for Metro Canada



**Most doctors have no trouble finding patients: They just go to the waiting room. But for doctors who have chosen to work with troubled, vulnerable people, even reaching their patients can be extremely difficult.**

Dr. Julio Montaner, director of the B.C. Centre for Excellence, is one of the world's leading HIV-AIDS experts. Part of his work includes combating the disease in Vancouver's impoverished Downtown Eastside.

He says people on the streets have seemingly bigger problems than treating HIV.

Finding food, shelter, staying safe, dealing with mental-health problems



"(Not treating people with HIV) is not only unethical, but it's actually stupid. It's more expensive not to do it," says Dr. Julio Montaner.

and getting the next hit all take precedence over an invisible infection that hurts little in the early stages.

"They need places they can get services that are the number one priority for them, so that eventually ... you can start addressing other issues. I always say, 'HIV is my priority, but it is not your priority,'" Montaner explains.

"The number one priority is to help these people live a better life. The second priority is to stop the stigma and discrimination that makes

it so difficult to work with these individuals."

Part of that is decriminalizing drug use, he argues. "We can't continue to try to help these people because they have a drug problem and on the other hand, chase them around because they have five grams of marijuana in their pocket. We're working at odds with each other; we need to get our priorities straight."

Supervised injection sites and the medicinal use of heroin can help, too, he says.

"If we can give people the opportunity to engage in HIV treatment, these become life saving for them," he says. The treatment also vastly lowers the presence of the disease in the body, meaning it is much less likely they will transmit the disease. "Unless we do that, we are not going to be able to control the epidemic."

But many street people don't get treatment, meaning they get sick and die after being infected for many high-risk years. Montaner calls it a "reservoir of highly infectious cases that is not controlled."

"People are telling us that treatment for HIV is expensive; we're saying not to bring treatment to these people ... is not only unethical, but it's actually stupid. It's more expensive not to do it."

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# Metro Drive



## Top tires

Michelin Tires has topped the luxury, passenger car, and truck/utility segments, while Goodyear has aced the performance sport segment, according to a new study by J.D. Power and Associates.

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# Camaro comeback

## Iconic sports car muscular and handsome as ever

LORNE DRURY  
for Metro Canada



**These are trying times for the folks at General Motors.**

So it was nice to see some smiles on the faces of Chevrolet executives as they recently introduced the long-awaited 2010 Camaro to assembled members of the media on the outskirts of the Motor City.

Blog sites and forums have been filled with chat about the new Camaro. And before production had even begun, Chevy had pre-sold 14,000 units and had more than 15.5 million Camaro hits on its Web site.

The Camaro is available with both V6 and V8 engines combined with either six-speed automatic or manual transmissions.

And best of all, fuel economy is decent for a performance car, delivering an estimated 6.9L/100 km (41 mpg) highway with the peppery 304 hp 3.6-litre V6 engine.

True to its heritage, the Camaro is also offered in SS trim with a powerful 400 hp (426 hp with the manual transmission) 6.2-litre V8. Prices start at \$26,995 for the V6 LS model and \$36,995 for the SS.

While the Camaro name dates back more than 40 years to 1967, Chevy executives insist this isn't a retro car. In fact, the goal is to attract younger, well-educated buyers to Chevrolet with

Chevrolet's modern version of the legendary sports coupe features both V6 and V8 engines in the 2010 version.



the Camaro and the marketing types at GM forecast only a third of all buyers will be performance enthusiasts, drawn to the car for nostalgic reasons. These are the buyers who will go for the powerful V8.

Built on GM's new rear-wheel drive Zeta platform like the Pontiac G8, the Camaro draws its styling lines from the iconic '69 first-generation model while at the same time offering modern-day features such as independent rear suspension, six standard air bags and even a cylinder de-activation system in the V8 automatic that helps save on fuel.

Does the modern, sharper styling work with the Camaro?

Well the buying public will be the judge and during our half-day ride and drive just outside Detroit, the Camaro sure attracted atten-

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tion. Heads turned, camera phones were pointed our way and even the local con-

stabulary came out in one small town to take a close-up look along with a num-



Cloth or leather seats are available on the 2010 Camaro. XM satellite radio, keyless entry and OnStar are also standard.

### 2010 Chevy Camaro

**Type:** Sports coupe  
**Price:** \$26,995 to \$40,995  
**Engine:** 3.6-litre direct injected V6 (304 hp, 273 lb/ft) with manual or automatic transmissions; 6.2-litre 16 valve OHV V8 (426 hp, 420 lb/ft manual or 400 hp, 410 lb/ft automatic)

### Highlights

- Great muscle car appeal, especially from the rear
- Decent fuel economy

ber of locals. The car is an attention-getter, no doubt.

Styling wise, I prefer the Dodge Challenger, but the Camaro gets the nod for its better road manners.

The Camaro is particularly striking from a rear view, with a muscular look thanks to the wide haunches. All versions get dual exhausts, adding to the muscle car appeal.

All in all, an exciting new car that is expected to draw increased traffic to GM showrooms.



The 2009 Acura TL recently received a five-star safety rating from IIHS.

## Acura TL completes safety sweep

**RATINGS** For the first time in the history of automotive safety crash testing, an automobile nameplate has simultaneously earned top government and IIHS safety ratings for every vehicle in its line-up.

Recently, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), as part of New Car Assessment Program (NCAP) testing in the U.S., awarded the all-new 2009 Acura TL a five-star rating — its top rating — for side impact crash safety for both front and rear passenger seating positions.

In earlier NHTSA testing, the 2009 TL achieved top safety ratings (a five-star rating for frontal crash performance for both driver and front passenger along with a five-star rating for rollover resistance) meaning the 2009 TL now ranks as a top performer in all governmental safety ratings.

"Acura's achievement means that no matter which Acura model buyers choose, they're getting a high level protection for the most common types of real-world crashes," said IIHS president Adrian Lund.

FROM CARGUIDE

# Kia Sorento revealed in Seoul

**DEBUT** Kia has took the wraps off its all-new Sorento at the recent Seoul Motor Show.

Longer and lower, the new Sorento brings sleek styling and a futuristic touch to the world of the urban SUV.

With its longer front overhang, wedge profile, crisply defined greenhouse and accentuated wheel-larch volumes, Kia's new SUV looks thoroughly modern and sporty.

The 4.7-metre long new

Sorento moves vehicle design in this segment up to a new level of sophistication.

As part of Kia's drive to expand market coverage with its latest SUV, the new Sorento will be manufactured with a total of four engines, with different engines being available in various regions around the world in order to best suit local requirements and with CO2 emissions from just 173 g/km.

Bold frontal styling incorporates Kia's new signa-

ture grille that blends seamlessly into the new Sorento's four-light, black bezel wrap-around headlamps. The profile's rising upper belt-line and the dynamic bevel treatment beneath the greenhouse plus the unique trapezoid

During the development of the new Sorento, Kia engineers ditched the body-on-frame structure and designed an all-new unitary (monocoque) bodyshell with room for up to seven occupants.

Building on those new foundations, they concentrated on eight key areas: Class-leading performance, increased fuel economy, reduced emissions, improved on-road handling, more fun-to-drive responsiveness, greater cabin space and comfort, enhanced overall safety and the introduction of new technologies.

Depending on the model, new Sorento will be equipped with a six, eight



The all-new Kia Sorento

new sat-nav system with a 6.5-inch screen.

Remote controls for the audio system are mounted on the steering wheel.

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or 10-speaker audio system, with MP3 and iPod connectivity, plus built-in or external amplifier and a



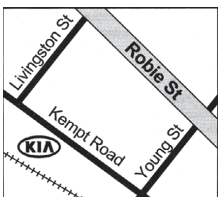
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The Hydrogen Road Tour, in which the public will be encouraged to test drive hydrogen fuel vehicles, kicked off in San Diego yesterday and is scheduled to end June 3 in Vancouver, Canadian Driver reports. The tour will travel more than 2,735 km. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# 'Tailored' or not, Fiesta fits

AutoPilot

Michael Goetz

metronews.ca/autopilot

The new Ford Fiesta is a world car in every sense of the word.

But, in the words of a Ford Canada press release, the Fiesta, will be "tailored" to meet customer preferences for interior features, exterior colours, body styles and other options in each region of the world.

"Tailored" usually denotes a good thing, but when it comes to Fiesta, it means less of something we might want.

First off, there will be no three-door hatch models. We'll get five-door hatch models, and a yet-to-be-seen four-door sedan.

It also means less engine options. In fact we'll probably only get one — the 1.6-litre gas-powered Ecotec — while European customers get six. So don't look for the smaller fours, or any diesels, like the super-efficient one in the Econetic Fiesta, which helps the

model achieve a combined city/highway fuel efficiency rating of 3.7 L/100 km.

That kind of tailoring reminds me of the cat across the street. He got "tailored" and now he's no longer in the kitten-making business.

And North Americans have already suffered from Fiesta "tailoring," as we're not going to see our versions until next summer, when they come off a Mexican assembly line as 2011 models.

Fiesta models have been on sale in Europe since last August, where they have been a big hit, becoming Ford's fastest selling model. Its home plant, in Cologne, Germany, has already produced over 250,000 units.

A second Fiesta plant was added in Spain. Another version of the Fiesta will also be built in China and Thailand, for Asian, South African, and Australian markets. Customers in those parts of the world can buy their Fiestas this summer. I don't know if you noticed, but that puts us last on the list.

I had a chance to drive a European model recently — a five-door hatch model, equipped with the 1.6-litre Ecotec "four" and a five-speed manual. Ford Cana-

**"Let's be clear, (Fiesta) is a stellar, small car. When, and in whatever 'tailored' form it arrives in, it will be great for consumers, and for Ford."**

da brought this particular vehicle over from Europe, and doled out test rides to the press, in 10-minute increments. I think this is a plot to keep potential buyers thinking about the Fi-

tors that are already on the market, like Fit, Versa, Yaris, Accent, Rio, etc.

Well, I'm here to report that their evil plan might work. It's certainly the best-looking subcompact

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esta, and not drifting to off to subcompact competi-

on the market. Add great road manners: Quiet, com-



Metro columnist Michael Goetz recently test drove a Ford Fiesta and mostly liked what he saw.

fortable, and agile. The interior is very modern and features a centre stack that evokes the look and feel of a cellphone (this is good, I think).

Only the back hatch is a bit of a let down. The rear seats don't fold down flatly or neatly, and it seems a bit unfinished back there too. It doesn't have the utility of something like a Honda Fit, which is about a foot longer and way more cargo

friendly.

But let's be clear, this is a stellar, small car. Here we have a global car, an efficient, tidy car, and a great looking and performing car. When, and in whatever "tailored" form it arrives in, it will be great for consumers, and for Ford.

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

## Insight into the green heart of Canada

MARK ATKINSON  
for Metro Canada



It's rare when an automaker launches a car so in tune with the market's demand for cleaner rides. It's rarer still when the automaker's official launch pays little attention to the product itself, especially in these tough economic times, and more on Canadians and their bid to live greener and healthier. That's the case for Honda and its reincarnated gasoline-electric hybrid, the 2010 Insight.

The Japanese carmaker recently organized a cross-Canada tour, called Insight Into Canada, with the first new model to hit our shores. The unique road trip from Victoria, B.C., to St. John's, Nfld. drew attention to not only Insight's excellent fuel-efficiency and small carbon footprint, but also on eco-friendly projects, large and small, that corporations and everyday Canadians are working on today — a green car connecting with green communities.



The Insight into Canada cross-Canada tour made a stop at the headquarters of Earth Rangers in Maple, Ont. The group is dedicated to explaining kids the importance of local ecology.

In Ontario, the Insight entourage explored environmentally conscious building solutions at the Earth Rangers' headquarters in Maple. The group is dedicated to not only educating children about energy and water conservation, but also make them understand the importance of local ecology.

"We want to be Terry Fox for the environment," said Peter Kendall, Earth Rangers' executive director.

### Sunny Side

"We're trying to teach the kids that it's not just about planting trees. It's about full habitat restoration."

It's fitting that the Rangers' ultra-efficient headquarters, which uses off-the-grid technologies like flushless toilets, solar power and geothermal heating, also houses the Canada Green Building Council, which helps shape

future building efficiency standards using the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system.

In fact, Honda Canada is incorporating many LEED initiatives into its upcoming corporate headquarters in Markham, Ont.

In Sackville N.B., the hybrid group met up with Choleena DiTullio, an artist who has created over 500 pieces using recycled jewelry, staples and hard-

### 2010 Honda Insight

- **PRICE:** \$23,900-\$27,500
- **TYPE:** Hybrid sedan, 5 doors, 4 seats
- **ENGINE:** 1.3-litre four-cylinder with Integrated Motor Assist (IMA)
- **FUEL ECONOMY:** 4.8 city/4.5 highway/4.7 combined L/100 km (estimated)

ware, and who is also tackling the tremendous concept of green living one day at a time.

"I was so overwhelmed by all the choices and tasks required to be completely carbon-footprint free, that I almost gave up on the whole thing."

Then she issued herself a challenge. Every day she does one small thing to improve her place in the environment, everything from reusing dehumidifier water in the washing machine to buying unbleached coffee filters is fair game.

DiTullio's efforts show just how simple it is to incorporate small changes into our everyday habits.



2010 Ford Fusion Hybrid.

## Frugal Fusion stretched to the max

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# It all began on the F1 racetrack

EMMA E FORREST  
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Formula One technology is fine-tuned race by race — and the rest of the world benefits.

These innovations are not only used in sports cars, including the famous McLaren F1 and Ferrari's models, but also in more everyday autos.

You might not hit Jarno Trulli-speeds in your Toyota Yaris, but it is likely to be

faster, safer and more fuel-efficient as a result. Benefits include lighter stronger materials, safer tires, electric traction control, paddle gearshifts, ceramic disc brakes and aerodynamics that keep your family car stable and efficient as you drive down the motorway.

The 2009 F1 season's key technology is KERS (Kinetic Energy Recovery System), a battery that stores energy generated by braking for later use. It's set to filter down to mainstream cars as

## Baby Pod II

- This baby incubator used to transport seriously ill babies to hospital uses the same impact-resistant but ultra-lightweight materials that F1 cockpits are made of.

manufacturers race to hit carbon emissions targets.

But it's not just road cars that benefit, F1 technology brings improvements to everyday life too.

Take the Treknetic K2

wheelchair. Its creator Mike Spindle, a supplier of parts for F1 cars, was appalled by the average wheelchair's crude and outdated design.

He created a new chair that, like a F1 car, was based around a strong, protective carbon-fibre monocoque shell shaped to the driver's body to which the other components are attached, rather than the traditional chassis-based design.

Elsewhere doctors have learnt from the precise



Many Formula One innovations — lighter materials, safer tires, etc. — bring improvements to our everyday lives.

teamwork of F1 pit stops to help their teams transfer patients from surgery to intensive care, and troops in Iraq have been protect-

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# Travel



## Where's the lounge?

Priority Pass, a worldwide independent airport lounge program, has launched a new iPhone application to let users to search its database of over 600 airport lounges. Travellers at airports can request details of the closest lounge, and then locate it using GPS. The application, Priority Pass lounge finder, is available on the iTunes App Store. Travellers with mobile internet access from other phones can visit [prioritypass.com/mobile](http://prioritypass.com/mobile) to search for lounges by entering an airport code.

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Left, the flat top of Mount Roraima rises above a bank of clouds. Right, Travelling by boat up Carrao and Churun Rivers to Angel Falls, in Canaima National Park.

# Journeying to the Lost World

DOMINIC HAMILTON  
for Metro Canada



**Waterfalls are popular places. There's something about them that makes people gush with torrents of praise and wonder. You have honeymooners' Niagara, of course, and then Africa's Victoria Falls, and the likes of Iguazu on the Brazil-Argentina border.**

But although these are worthy of praise, the falls which tower above them all is the loftily-titled Angel Falls, in deepest darkest Venezuela.

Angel Falls is massive. It's so tall its waters separate into a million dancing

droplets by the time they reach the forest canopy below, where rainbows arc at its feet. It's the height of 16 Niagaras piled atop one another: A near-kilometre of free falling water.

The falls vault from a canyon that prizes open the vertical cliffs Auyan Tepuy, or Auyan mountain. Auyan, the largest of the unique mesa mountain tepuys of the ancient Guyana Shield, rises 2,510 metres (8,233 ft) in south-eastern Venezuela. The entire region is protected by the jewel in Venezuela's already shining crown of national parks, Canaima National Park — one of the world's largest.

Arthur Conan Doyle

## Drawing on nature

- The new Disney 3-D animated film, *Up*, which is to be released on Friday, is about the journey of a lifetime (via a house tied to thousands of balloons) to Venezuela's mystical formations known as tepuys, and to a fictional wa-

terfall called Paradise Falls, which is based on Angel Falls. A Disney production team actually made the arduous journey to the tepuys in order to capture the prehistoric and otherworldly ambience of the area.

based his adventure yarn, *The Lost World*, on reports by Victorian explorers to the region. It was widely believed that life on top of the mesa mountains, isolated from the world, could have been suspended in its evolutionary development. The possibility of dinosaurs still existing on the mountains has

fired the imagination of every visitor since then. Although no dinosaurs have been found to date, the summits of the mountains do harbour some fascinating creatures, most of them found on one mountain, and nowhere else.

Our "modern" age has been no less susceptible to the magic and mystique of

this remote region. Rumours of UFO activity abound, and the indigenous Pemon Indians still maintain the mountains are home to mischievous spirits.

Perhaps it would be more poetic if the name Angel Falls derived from a miraculous saintly figure that once appeared to an Indian, or echoed the shape of its white plume cascading down from the heavens. The truth, however, is far more entertaining, and, in a land rich in gold and diamonds, far more appropriate.

It's named after a maverick bush pilot called Jimmie Angel, a Canadian Air Force pilot of the First

World War with a penchant for red-heads and a passion for gold.

In 1921, Jimmie was contracted to fly to one of the Guyana Shield's mountains, called tepuys by the Pemon. He landed his plane atop one of them, where his contractor proceeded to pan a river, and fill a sack, so the story goes, full of gold nuggets. So many, in fact, Angel feared they wouldn't be able to take off again with the extra weight. As they nosed off the mountain, the plane plunged thousands of feet before Angel managed to level out.

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A panoramic view of Angel Falls, named after the adventurous Canadian pilot Jimmie Angel, and Ayuan Tepuy, a flat-topped formation akin to a mesa.

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So began Angel's obsession with the "River of Gold," taking his place in the long line of adventurers who have raked the region in search of El Dorado. Over the following years, he persuaded various backers to fund his trips in search of "his" mountain. He never found it.

But in 1933, Angel returned from a trip very excited. This time it wasn't a river, gold, a tepuy or even a red-head that had caught his imagination, but a waterfall. He claimed to have sighted surely the tallest in the world.

"A waterfall a mile high," he claimed. Tell us another tall story, retorted the other regulars at the bar.

On a flight in 1937, Angel attempted to land on the surface of the Ayuan mountain. His small plane stuck in a bog. He and his party, which included his wife, were forced to find a way down. They eventually made it to a nearby mission 11 days later — somewhat slimmer. This time

though, they all got a good look at the falls, and Angel's story didn't look so tall after all.

Today, you can see Angel's rescued plane at the airport in Ciudad Bolívar, a city on the banks of the Orinoco. And you can follow Angel's flight path in a small Cessna right past the falls as it cascades off the intimidating Ayuan mountain.

But the best way to truly appreciate the grandeur of the falls is to take a boat trip to its base. River-depth permitting, motorized dugout canoes piloted by local Pemón make the trip up from the idyllic shores of Canaima Lagoon.

**"The most rewarding way to visit is to stay overnight slung in a hammock, and climb to the lookout beneath the falls at the crack of dawn."**

You can do the trip in a day, but the most rewarding way to visit is to stay overnight slung in a hammock, and climb to the lookout beneath the falls at the crack of dawn. Then, as the sun's rays rise from the east, they slowly edge their way down the mountain's cathedral façade, bathing the falls in pure golden light.

It's just as well Jimmie's surname wasn't Smith.

## Good to know

### Getting to Angel Falls

- The village of Canaima, gateway to Angel Falls, is at the north-western edge of Canaima National Park, north-west of Ayuan Tepuy. Canaima may be touristy by many standards, and the original Hortuensa camp's architecture somewhat disappointing, but the overall effect is magical.

- The alternative is to begin your trip in either Kavak (visiting the mysterious canyon) or Kamarata. From the latter, you take a dugout, passing Angel Falls and ending in Canaima.

### When to go

- You can only travel by dugout up the Rio Churún in the rainy season, which runs from April-May to late November. However, trips might be possible on the fringes of these months as well — though you might have to get out of your boat more often! At other times, the only way to see the falls is by plane.

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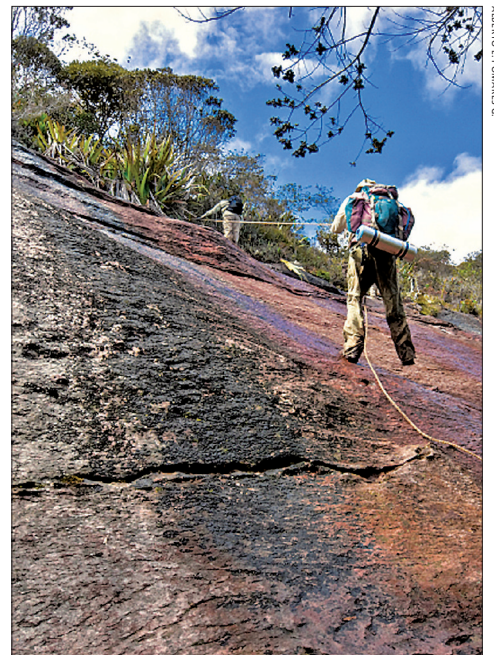
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**No go**

A planned code-share partnership between low-cost carriers WestJet Airlines Ltd. and Southwest Airlines Co will be delayed because of a sharp slowdown in air travel, WestJet has announced. The program would have seen the two airlines selling seats on each other's flights. **REUTERS**

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# Goodbye Vegas, hello Macau

The world economy may be slumping, but don't tell that to Macau — the former Portuguese colony is set to trump Las Vegas heading out of the worst global downturn since the Great Depression.

In the smoke-filled gambling halls of Macau's MGM Mirage casino, hundreds of Chinese gamblers were crammed around tables flipping cards, playing roulette and rolling dice on a recent day, seemingly unaffected by the slowdown.

The ace up the sleeve of Macau, the world's biggest gambling market — and a day trip from Hong Kong — is this steady influx of risk-loving Chinese flocking to the only place in China where casinos are legal. Las Vegas, on the other hand, is saddled with a stagnant U.S. economy and glut of new casinos preparing to enter the market.

"We've seen better-than-expected performance in the overall gaming market of Macau," said Credit Suisse analyst Gabriel Chan. "Vegas is still suffering and



Casino cleaning staff work in a garden in front of a billboard displaying slot machines in Macau.

will take a longer time to recover, but in Macau, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Macau, a special administrative region that is now under Chinese rule, will be more resilient than Las Vegas thanks to its proximity to China, which is propping up its economy with a massive \$586 billion US stimulus package to offset a big drop in exports, analysts said.

Despite recent declines, Macau's gaming revenue is

likely to return to a growth track by September and post a 6.2 percent rise in 2010, BNP Paribas forecasts. Las Vegas revenues are likely to remain depressed next year as operators have to contend with a stream of new casino openings. "There will be a fairly dramatic increase in supply over the next couple of years ... at a time when Las Vegas is struggling to fill the rooms that it has right now," said Susquehanna Financial analyst Robert LaFleu.

Luxury projects such as MGM Mirage's massive CityCenter will start opening later this year, increasing by more than 10 percent the number of hotel rooms along the Vegas gambling corridor.

So far, Macau casinos — which mostly rely on day-trippers who arrive by ferry from Hong Kong or by road from mainland China — have largely avoided the deep discounts that are eroding profits for Las Vegas's operators, analysts said. **REUTERS**

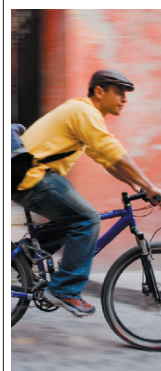
## Taiwan pedals ahead with bike tours to lure visitors

**GREEN TRAVEL** Taiwan is rolling out Asia's first comprehensive bicycle tourism plan, including rentals, special railway cars and guides for rides down the rugged coastline or up the island's steep central mountains.

The tourism package, spearheaded by the government and private companies, lets cyclists rent bikes in one place and drop them off in another along the tropical, sparsely populated east coast, where the government seeks to devel-

op tourism.

Map-savvy tour guides on two-wheels show cyclists the roads, while Taiwan's flagship Giant Manufacturing rents bikes along popular routes and will expand to eight railway stations by the end of the year. The railways were also tearing out seats in some trains to make space for cyclists headed to the east coast. Though matched in Europe and North America, Taiwan is ahead of the pack in Asia, cycling authorities say. **REUTERS**



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Natalie Cole has been discharged from the hospital five days after undergoing a kidney transplant. Cole headed home on Sunday to continue her recovery, her rep confirms to People. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Entertainment

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## Glastonbury returns to its roots

**MUSIC** Glastonbury, the world's largest green field arts and music festival has shed away from rap and chosen Neil Young, Bruce Springsteen and Blur as its headline acts this year, a return to its roots.



Springsteen

Jay-Z headlined the British music festival last year in an effort to attract a younger crowd but ticket sales dragged, and although the rapper was judged a success, some criticized the organizers for abandoning the festival's origins.

This year, old favourites dominate with Tom Jones, and Madness playing the main stage and hip-hop artists Q-Tip and Black Eyed Peas relegated to the smaller areas.

## Navigator takes flight at Disney

**MOVIES** Disney is readying a relaunch of the 1986 sci-fi adventure movie *Flight of the Navigator*. It has hired Wild Hogs scribe Brad Copeland to write the remake.

The original movie told the story of a 12-year-old boy who is abducted by an alien spacecraft in 1978 and reappears eight years later, still the same age and with no memory of what happened. NASA scientists discover a connection between the boy and a downed spacecraft and try to exploit the boy, who ultimately escapes.

## Twitter eyes foray into Television

**NETWORKING** How's this for a tweet? Twitter is coming to a television near you.

The social-networking and micro-blogging service is developing the first TV series that incorporates Twitter into the action of the show.

Created by novelist Amy Ephron, sister of Nora and Delia Ephron, the untitled show will feature ordinary people competing while on the trail of celebrities. **REUTERS**

# Benders on the big screen

Alcohol makes for intoxicating entertainment in films like *The Hangover*

STEVE GOW  
for Metro Canada

From silent-era films earning laughs at the antics of liquored-up louts, to sobering award-winning portrayals of addiction in movies like *The Lost Weekend* and *Leaving Las Vegas*, alcohol has always made for intoxicating entertainment in Hollywood.

Now, with the unavoidable hype building around *The Hangover* (in theatres June 5), alcohol may once again come to the forefront leaving the Las Vegas-set comedy with a lot of admirers.

However, in spite of all the laughs in this knee-slapper about a trio of stag-party pals searching for their lost, besotted groom, a question is being raised — are films featuring alcohol-use doing more harm than good? There's a



In *The Hangover*, opening June 5, a trio of stag-party pals search for a lost groom.

movement that thinks so.

In fact, a recent survey by Dartmouth Medical School in New Hampshire has found that almost 42 per cent of parents agreed that the appearance of al-

cohol consumption should warrant a movie the dreaded "R" rating.

While concerned guardians don't have to worry about *The Hangover* (although it's American R,

rating varies province to province in Canada), the comedy was not likely branded that in the U.S. because of scenes involving booze.

Surprisingly, the Motion Picture Association of America (which rates movies) doesn't reportedly take alcohol into account among its rating factors.

Perhaps more surprising was the fact that parents in the study seemed more concerned about

## Series saver

Christina Applegate has become the latest celebrity to launch a campaign to save their TV show — she is urging fans to sign a petition for her axed series *Samantha who?* **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

## Movie feature

alcohol-consumption than smoking on film despite past research linking the risk of teen smoking to the cinema.

According to lead author Meghan Longacre, that attitude may reflect "a greater concern with the negative consequences of teen drinking that may seem more immediate and dire to parents, such as drinking and driving, compared to the longer-term health consequences of smoking."

While nobody is saying *The Hangover* should be avoided, it's important to note it is entertainment that's intended for older audiences. Still, there's no denying the film contains the kind of humour that will inevitably appeal to younger audiences and critics say that is what rating boards should be wary of.

Regardless, alcohol-use on film is still mostly portrayed as a weakness or warning so no matter how much fun audiences have watching *The Hangover*, the message will still inevitably be the same — drink too much and you might lose friends.

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# How long does bad behaviour stay alive online?

**What is the shelf life of an Internet scandal? With Terminator Salvation now in theatres, the question is what effect, if any, actor Christian Bale's infamous leaked on-set freak-out will have upon the movie's box-office muscle.**

While the initial reaction to the clip was some negative buzz for the actor, it also provided some of his most amusing work, as users recut and remixed the offending audio. But he's not the only leading man who's been an online punchline.

**Tom Cruise**  
**Scandals:** The megastar has had to deal with multiple moments that have captured the imagination of the YouTube set. His enthusiastic 2005 declaration of

love for his wife, complete with couch-jumping and a startled Oprah Winfrey, spawned plenty of parodies, remixes and Photo-shop funnies. Then there was the strange yet intense January 2008 leaked video of a video meant for Scientologists' eyes only.

**The result:** According to polls, Cruise's popularity declined after the Oprah incident, and his Q score — a rating that tracks popularity — also fell. Cruise has since made changes to his PR team, and it seems he's been trying to quell people's negative associations with Scientology.

**The rehab:** The less we see of Cruise, the more we like him. As far as strategies go, he could do worse — and he has 10 films in development, so he still remains a huge, bankable star.



From left, actors Tom Cruise, Alec Baldwin and Christian Bale.

## Alec Baldwin

**Web scandal:** In April of 2007, a voicemail the actor left for his daughter was leaked to TMZ.com. Baldwin was at the time locked in a bitter custody dispute with ex-wife Kim Basinger, and when his daughter missed their scheduled call, he went berserk.

**The result:** Initially, a family court judge who heard the tape revoked his visitation rights, but Baldwin apologized for the incident,

and asked that people not judge his parenting based on the message.

**The rehab:** Baldwin has turned the ordeal into a cause. He has spoken about Parental Alienation Syndrome, and wrote a book, *A Promise to Ourselves*, about his efforts to remain part of his daughter's life. Career-wise, the leaked tape didn't have much effect. Baldwin was already one of the best things about 30 Rock, and continues to make films.

## Christian Bale

**Web scandal:** It was reported in 2008 that Bale freaked out in the midst of shooting a scene for *Terminator Salvation*, but it took until February 2009 before the audio leaked. Bale unleashes a profanity-laced tirade on director of photography Shane Hurlbut for attempting to adjust some lighting.

**The result:** Bale is already known for his intense work ethic, and many creative types leapt to his defence. But others, noting his previous controversy regarding an assault incident on his mother and sister, speculated he had anger-management issues. **The rehab:** Bale remained silent for a week, then apologized during an interview with an L.A. radio station, admitting he "acted like a punk." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



## Buffy's back

A remake of 1992's Buffy the Vampire Slayer, starring Kristy Swanson, is headed to the big screen — without the involvement of character creator Joss Whedon. [EMPIREONLINE.COM](http://EMPIREONLINE.COM)



# No regrets for young mom

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada

**When Canada's Next Top Model host Jay Manuel greeted 20 women in Toronto on the show's third season premiere last night, the model wannabes knew there must be more people present than positions on the show.**

Manuel called nine women to stand beside him, causing those remaining to quiver. But they were really being duped. The women he called were already real models — his joking way of welcoming the competitors while still inciting a little bit of fear.

It was also when the fun and games stopped.

The new batch of models-in-training were thrown right into their first competition — a photo shoot with photographer Nigel Barker, also a judge on America's Next

Top Model. The girls posed in wild 1980s fashions alongside complementing wild animals. But the shoot was too savage for Penticton, B.C.'s Alexandra McCallum, who dropped out early due to sustained hip pain from a recent auto accident.

The shoot's fierce flavour was also an unlucky introduction for 23-year-old Tiffany MacDonald of Toronto, criticized by the judges for her shyness and lack of projected confidence. Unable to deliver the demeanour sought by the judges, she was the first to be sent home.

**"Yes, I'm a mom. So what? I don't think it was a fair judgment to hold against me."**

Tiffany MacDonald

"Obviously you don't want to be the first one kicked off," said MacDonald. "I felt maybe the judges misunderstood my presence there — that they questioned how bad I wanted it ... I definitely wanted it bad enough."

MacDonald said she was surprised a judging even took place that week, giv-



Tiffany MacDonald of Toronto, 23, was criticized by the judges for her shyness and lack of projected confidence.

en McCallum's premature departure. And given a free pass to stick around, she said she would have conformed to the criticism she received. "I know I would have rocked the next photo shoot. I've never had any type of modeling experience before, so I would have taken all criticism and just rolled with it."

One point of contention she couldn't control was her then eight-month-old son she left at home to pursue the Top Model title, which judge Jeanne Beker

raised as a concern.

"Yes, I'm a mom. So what?" MacDonald said. "I don't think it was a fair judgment to hold against me."

But MacDonald holds no grudges. She'll continue to pursue modeling, she said, and left the show regret-free. "I definitely took away friendship, criticism that I could definitely apply in my daily life and an experience of a lifetime — something I will never regret, no matter how it panned out for me."

# Gaga over MMVAs

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada

**MUSIC** The streets will shut down, the stars will come out, and this year, the MuchMusic Video Awards will go Gaga.

Sexy electronic dance star Lady Gaga is the latest performer to be added to the 2009 MMVAs roster. The outdoor show that annually packs fans outside the MuchMusic headquarters in Toronto takes place this year on June 21. That's when Gaga will join previously announced co-hosting act the Jonas Brothers, who will also take the stage to perform.

"I'm so excited," said Gaga on the phone from Australia, where she's touring with the Pussycat Dolls. "I'm planning the performance already, and I can't wait to do something amazing."

Although she's tight lipped about what the viewing audience can expect to see, she said some sort of pop medley is likely.

A frequent visitor to Canada, Gaga said she considers her northern neighbour a second home, touting the amazing domestic fan base that helped launch her international career. "You guys sort of put the Lady Gaga flag in the moon," she said. "I feel Canadian. If it wasn't for Canada, I would not be where I am today."

Gaga finds herself vying against Britney Spears, Jonas Brothers, Katy Perry and Lil' Wayne in the UR FAVE International Video category for her Poker Face single but admits it's not a big deal. "I don't know how I will fare, but truthfully, I would rather perform on the stage than win."

As for what outfit she'll wear when she graces the red carpet, Gaga has yet to decide, but said she's thinking about designing a garment herself. "I'm sure whatever it is, it must be sexy enough to inspire the foursome that I wish to have with the Jonas Brothers ... naturally."

Lady Gaga



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	43	43	43	FAM	Zoe 101	Life Derek	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek
	44	44	44	TOON	Ben 10	Johnny Test	Totally Spies	Total Drama	6TEEN	Futurama	American Dad	Robot Chicken
	26	26	26	TREE	Ni Hao, Kai-Lan	Big & Small	Backyardigans	Night Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos
	27	27	27	TYT	Drake & Josh	iCarly	In Real Life (N)	Malcolm-Mid	Futurama	Survive This	Adrenaline Proj	Falcon Beach
	16	16	16	A&E	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Tattoo High	
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	49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Just for Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	
	153	153	153	COURT	Struggle for Justice		World's Wildest Police Videos		Body-Evidence	Dumb Criminal	Spy Web: The FBI Spy Files	Police Videos
	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Treasure Quest "Malta"	Deadliest Catch "Deadline"	Mayday	
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	46	46	46	HIST	Outlaw Bikers		NCIS "Dog Tags"		Outlaw Bikers	Ice Road Truckers	NCIS	
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	48	48	48	OLN	The Amazing Race 2	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Departures "Cambodia"	Mantracker	Mantracker	Bounty Hunter	
cable variety	51	51	51	PEACH	Seinfeld	Friends	House-Payne	House-Payne	Old School ** (2003, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell.		Cheers	
	206	206	206	PIX	Jacob Two Two Meets the Hooded Fang		The Gate ** (1987, Horror) Louis Tripp		Black Rain *** (1989, Crime Drama)			
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	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		Star Trek: Voyager	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash
	40	40	40	SLICE	The Mom Show		Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1		Stargate Atlantis	(DVS)	Star Trek: Voyager	End of Leash	End of Leash	End of Leash
	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investgt.		CSI: Crime Scene Investgt.		CSI: Crime Scene Investgt.	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)	Ult. Fighter	
	97	97	97	STAR	etalk	Hollywood	The Ellen DeGeneres Show	TMZ (N)	etalk	Canada's Next Top Model (N)	Tonight Show	
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	28	28	28	V	MythQuest "Orpheus"		Murder, She Wrote		Keeping Up	Foot in Grave	Doc Martin	
	97	97	97	VIVA	Mysterious Ways		Judging Amy		Medium		Medium	
	22	22	22	W	Style by Jory	Style by Jory	Will & Grace	Friends	Grocery	Grocery	Supersize vs. Superskinny	
	251	251	251	WGN	Be-Millionaire	Evening News	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	America's Next Top Model	Hitched or Ditched		

## critics'corner

### The Goode Family

Mike Judge ("King of the Hill") unleashes his biting and off-kilter comic perspective on the topic of runaway political correctness as personified by the Goodes, a clan whose mantra of WWAGD — "What Would Al Gore Do?" — motivates them to follow a strict vegan diet, drive a hybrid auto, recycle their brains out and do everything they can to reduce their carbon footprint. Judge and Nancy Carell head the voice cast in this animated sitcom. 10:01 PM on ABC



### Primeval

When an anomaly opens in a busy London hospital, cute but dangerous burrowing creatures roam around the corridors. With teeth so sharp they can chew through anything, they threaten to chomp through the main power supply. Calamity is averted by Cutter, Connor, Abby and Captain Becker (Douglas Henshall, Andrew-Lee Potts, Hannah Spearritt, Ben Mansfield), who are obliged to get the creatures back to their own time before the anomaly closes. 10 PM on SPACE



For May 26th

Katy Perry - Waking Up In Vegas

Elise Estrada - Poison

Sean Kingston - Fire Burning

Keri Hilson Ft Kanye West & Ne-Yo - Knock You Down

Candy Coated Killahz - Playboy

Eminem - We Made You

Jamie Foxx Ft T-Pain - Blame It

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Kylie Minogue is engaged, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 40-year-old singer was reportedly thrilled when her Spanish boyfriend of seven months, Andres Velencoso, popped the question during a romantic trip to New York earlier this month. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Amy drops the ball again

**DOWNHILL FROM HERE** Mark Ronson's dream of recording another track with Amy Winehouse has come crashing to the ground after the troubled singer failed to turn up to the studio to finish their Quincy Jones tribute, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The producer was at the mixing deck for Winehouse's 2006 global smash LP *Back To Black* and the pop star returned the favour the following year by singing Valerie for Ronson's cover album *Version*.

But the pair failed to recreate their magic last summer when they were approached to compose a Bond theme for *Quantum Of Solace* —

with White Stripes rocker Jack White and Alicia Keys eventually landing the song.

Ronson was due to return to the studio with his muse to record a new version of Lesley Gore's *You Don't Own Me* for an

upcoming album in honour of music industry legend Jones.

But their collaboration has reportedly been dropped from the project — and a disappointed Ronson appears to have given up

hope on convincing Winehouse to wrap up the project.

He says, "The track isn't finished and she's not around. If she's not here, then unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about it."

It's the latest in a series of career blows for Winehouse, who was recently forced to abandon plans for a comeback concert in London days after she was admitted to hospital on the Caribbean island.

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# MJ's spending out of control?

**MO' MONEY, MO' PROBLEMS**

Michael Jackson has been forced to delay the start of his run of shows this summer in London, rescheduling three of the performances for next year. The delay has nothing

to do with Jackson's rumoured health problems.

"Michael is ready for this and ready to do it right," show director Kenny Ortega said, according to *Voice of America*. Meanwhile, a lawsuit from a former lawyer has exposed some of Jackson's outlandish spending habits, including nearly \$8 million US on statues

of Peter Pan and children playing in just the last few years.

"Mr. Jackson's pattern has been to spend to the brink of insolvency and then borrow against his assets to further feed his spending," former lawyer Raymone Bain said, according to the Sun.

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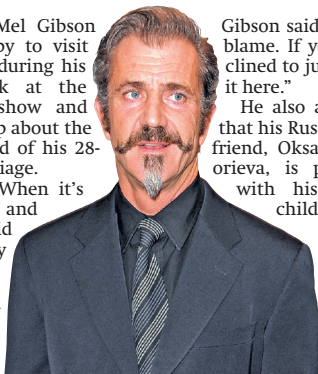
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# Jen's pampered pet pal

**DOG PERSON** Jennifer Aniston's dog has a director's chair on the set of her new movie, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The 40-year-old actress is so close to her pet Norman, she brings him to set when she is shooting *The Baster*.

A source told the *National Enquirer* magazine: "Norman is important in Jennifer's life, but the crew is fed up with having to dote on him. Jennifer needs him around all the

time and she won't stand for him being chained up. So the dog has his own chair near the director, and Jennifer also has a doggy masseuse tend to Norman every day."

Aniston ensures 13-year-old Norman is walked three times a day, and is given meals from the actors' catering van.

The source added: "She even insists that Norman eat with the crew and that he's fed organic,

human-grade food. So Jennifer's assistant has special plates made up by the caterer with free-range white meat chicken and organic rice. Norman eats healthier and better than most humans."

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# Madonna just a friend: Jesus

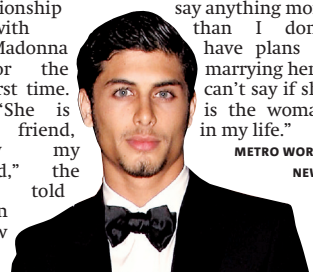
**DENIAL** Jesus

Luz has spoken out about his relationship with Madonna for the first time.

"She is my friend, my only friend," the Brazilian model told *Fantastico*.

"Madonna is a person who I admire very much, a friend who has entered my life and (with whom) I keep in contact. I cannot say anything more than I don't have plans of marrying her. I can't say if she is the woman in my life."

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# Boyle? Big deal: Lily

Memory from the musical *Cats*.

But Allen said (via Twitter), "I thought her timing was off on Britain's Got Talent on Sunday — no control, and I don't think she

has an amazing voice."

"She can sing," Allen admitted, "but it's not about talent with her, is it?"

The Britain's Got Talent finale competition takes place this Saturday.

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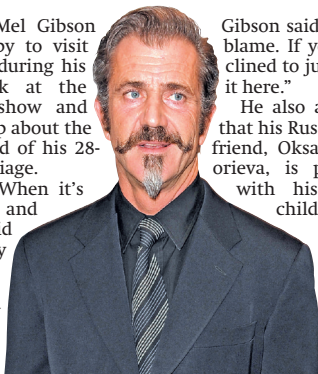
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# Hewitt moving fast

**QUITE A REBOUND** Things seem to be heating up between Jennifer Love Hewitt and Jamie Kennedy. The *Ghost Whisperer* co-stars, who have been dating for several months since Hewitt's split from former fiancé Ross McCall, were spotted buying "love bracelets"

at Cartier, according to the *Chicago Sun-Times*.

"They've also been shopping for an engagement ring for Jennifer," a source says. "She is simply a girl who always needs a man in her life and is getting nervous that she may have missed out on marriage and having a family."

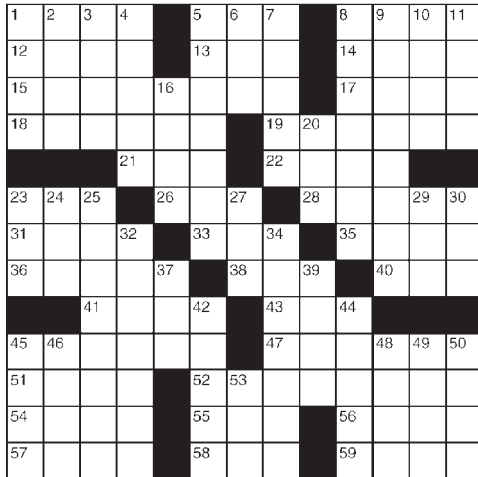
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### Crossword across

- |                         |                           |                                |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Bushy hairdo          | 21 Knock                  | 45 Undeveloped state           |
| 5 "CSI" setting         | 22 Platter                | 47 Boil                        |
| 8 Paraphernalia         | 23 Bro or sis             | 51 Sandwich shop               |
| 12 Laugh-a-minute       | 26 Existed                | 52 Movie about a 1950s scandal |
| 13 Altar affirmative    | 28 Come together          | 54 Cupid's alias               |
| 14 "The Amazing —"      | 31 Owl's sound            | 55 Work with                   |
| 15 Solvency             | 33 Homer's interjection   | 56 Ripped                      |
| source                  | 35 Gloomy                 | 57 Small salamander            |
| 17 Sicilian spouter     | 36 Give philanthropically | 58 Listener                    |
| 18 Hard and cold        | 38 Directory info (Abbr.) | 59 Catches some rays           |
| 19 Whiteboard accessory | 40 Ex, —, zee             |                                |
|                         | 41 Mongol tent            |                                |
|                         | 43 Chic no more           |                                |

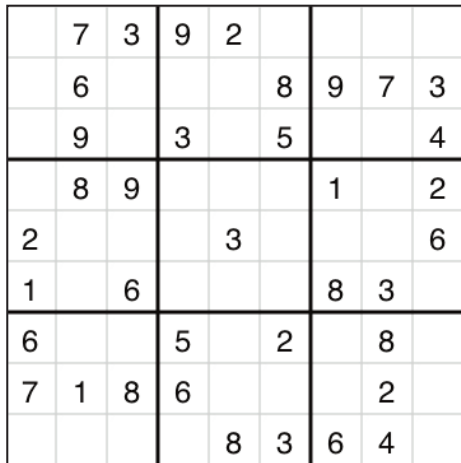
### Crossword down

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| 1 Curved lines          | 27 Trinity member  |
| 2 Decree                | 29 Chap            |
| 3 Got up                | 30 Prior to        |
| 4 "None of the above"   | 32 Sightseer       |
| 5 Frog's perch          | 34 Indianan        |
| 6 Hubbub                | 37 Distort         |
| 7 Acknowledged applause | 39 Canal zone      |
| 8 Lubricated            | 42 Chef's hat      |
| 9 Submits humbly        | 44 Criteria        |
| 10 Teenager's woe       | 45 Paradise        |
| 11 Caboose's position   | 46 Unembellished   |
| 16 Imperfection         | 48 Grand           |
| 20 Edge                 | 49 Trumpet, e.g.   |
| 23 That girl            | 50 Rams fans?      |
| 24 Charged bit          | 53 NAFTA signatory |
| 25 Damaging hit         |                    |

### Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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<b>SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:</b>	17-21 min .....Smart
Under 13 min .....Genius	21-25 min .....Not bad
13-17 min .....Scholar	25+ min .....Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Spiced Couscous Tomatoes

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 8 large tomatoes
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) (125 ml) flaked almonds.
- 1 small eggplant, diced
- 1 tsp (5 ml) ground coriander
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground cumin
- 1/8 tsp (0.5 ml) ground cinnamon
- 1 cup (250 ml) boiling vegetable stock
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) couscous
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh mint
- 50 g dried apricots, chopped
- 1 tsp (5 ml) harissa (chili pepper) to taste

#### METHOD:

- Cut tops off tomatoes and scoop out insides. Place tomatoes and cut-off tops on one side. Place seeds and scooped-out flesh in sieve set over small bowl and press with back of spoon to extract juices; you will need about 5 tbsp (75 ml) juice. Leave bowl of juice on one side and discard seeds and flesh.
- Place hollowed-out tomatoes upside-down on plate covered with paper towel and leave to drain.
- Heat 1/2 tbsp (7 ml)

olive oil in nonstick pot. Add flaked almonds and cook over low heat for 2-3 minutes or until golden-brown. Remove from pot with slotted spoon and set aside.

- Add remaining oil to pot. Stir in eggplant and cook 5 minutes, turning frequently, until browned and tender. Stir in coriander, cumin and cinnamon, and cook a few more seconds, stirring constantly.
- Pour in stock and bring to rapid boil, then add couscous in steady stream, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, cover, and leave to stand 5 minutes.
- Uncover pan, return to low heat and cook 2-3 minutes, stirring with fork to separate grains. Stir in toasted almonds, mint and dried apricots. Add harissa to reserved tomato juices and stir, then pour over couscous. Add pepper and mix well. Spoon couscous mixture into tomatoes, replace tops and serve.

**SERVES 4**



### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

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#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
You may be willing to make sacrifices above and beyond the call of duty but common sense tells you that you can't change the world on your own.

#### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
You seem remarkably confident at the moment, thanks to the influence of the Sun and Jupiter in positive areas of the sky. Put it to good use.

#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Jupiter in the career area of your chart means you are determined to prove to the world you have what it takes to succeed — and you will.

#### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
No matter what you may have done wrong you will be forgiven, so admit you made a mistake. Say sorry — it's no big deal.

#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
You are in no mood to let others dictate to you what you can and cannot believe in. Freedom of speech is non-negotiable.

#### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
Cosmic activity in the most outgoing area of your solar chart will make it easy for you to meet new people and make new friends today.

#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
What someone offers you today may be tempting but think carefully before you agree to sign. You certainly won't get anything for free.

#### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
By all means splash out a bit today — if you can afford it. You have worked your socks off in recent weeks and you are entitled to enjoy what you earned.

#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Partners and colleagues may have the upper hand at the moment but it won't do you any harm. What's good for them will be good for you too.

#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
Don't try to get approval for what you are about to do. It really does not matter if others support you or not.

#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
You will get the chance to do well on the work front today, but don't get carried away. Be aware of your limits and don't push yourself too hard.

#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
The more you reflect upon your creative ambitions now, the easier it'll be to realize them in a few weeks when the Sun moves in your favour.

### This day in history

MAY 27, 1883: Alexander III is crowned Tsar of Russia.  
MAY 27, 1895: Oscar Wilde is imprisoned for sodomy.  
MAY 27, 1927: The Ford Motor Company ceases manufacturing the Ford Model T and begins to retool plants to make Ford Model As.  
MAY 27, 1933: The Walt Disney Company releases the cartoon The Three Little Pigs, with its hit song Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?  
MAY 27, 1995: In Culpeper, Virginia, actor Christopher Reeve is paralyzed from the neck down after falling from his horse in a riding competition.

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1. Sketched an animated dog with clues (1)  
2. "Yes Man" star Curry's eyeglass frames (1)  
3. River sediment on a Scotsman's "skirt" (1) syllables in each word.  
4. Cozy-as-a-bug-in-a-rug ruffian (1)  
5. Enlightened One's Dutch cheeses (2)  
6. Ax-wielding Borden's slates of anxiety (2)  
7. Oddly in an angry or rapid manner (4)

Answers: 1. SPOT, 2. CHOCOLATE, 3. SLEAZEBAG, 4. RUFFIAN, 5. SWISS CHEESE, 6. ANXIETY, 7. RAMPANT

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